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Firefighters Make Progress Extinguishing the Dillon Fire

Yreka, CA-Approximately 359 Firefighters continue to battle the 330 acre Dillon Fire burning on the Klamath and Six Rivers National Forests. The Dillon Fire is now 85% contained and full containment is expected on August 6.

The Dillon Fire was started as a series of approximately 20 fires on August 4th along California Highway 96 between Coon Creek and Ti-Bar. The cause is under investigation. Most of the fires were quickly contained however 2 fires grew into larger fires. One of the fires is on the Six Rivers National Forest and has burned 176 acres. The other is on the Klamath National Forest and is 154 acres. The fires are burning in very steep and rugged terrain.

Starting today the Klamath and Six Rivers National Forests have implemented Fire Restrictions. Initiating fire use restrictions will help minimize the potential of human caused wildfire starts.

Highway 96 is open with one-way controlled traffic with a pilot car through the fire area. Travelers should be alert for fire equipment and firefighters along the roadway. Some debris continues to fall onto the road. CalTrans is working to keep the roadway clear.

Time/Date Started: August 3, 2012, around noon

Location: Klamath and Six Rivers National Forests, 15 miles southwest of Happy Camp, CA near Dillon Creek.

Cause: Under investigation

Fuels: Timber, brush

Size: 330 acres

Resources Committed: 9 Handcrews crews, 1 helicopters, 17 engines, 8 water tenders, and 2 Bulldozer

Evacuations: The Dillon Creek Campground has been evacuated and is closed.

Cooperators: Klamath National Forest, Six Rivers National Forest, CAL FIRE, California Highway Patrol, CAL TRANS

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